

Parks Advisory Committee Meeting
Mansfield Community Center Conference Room
Wednesday, June 3, 2015
7:30 pm
Chair: Acting Chair- Tom Harrington

I. Welcome

II. Attendance: Bill Thorne, Juliana Barrett, Tom Harrington, Eric Apgar. Staff: Jennifer Kaufman

III. Approval of Minutes Minutes approved with the following additions: Dan Donahue is the author for Schoolhouse Brook Park Invasives Plant Plan.

III. Old Business

- Schoolhouse Brook Park Management Plan Review:
 - E. O. Smith at the Depot will be marking and maintaining some trails.
 - Eric Apgar volunteered to mark some boundaries (goal/action IIA3)
 - Japanese Stiltgrass noted in beach area. Invasive Control Plan should be formulated.
 - Dead/dying Red Pine stands should be monitored for invasive trees & shrubs (goal/action IIA6)
 - Barrows Pond monitored for normal successional change (Goal/action IIA8)
 - Morneau property, Jennifer will explore possibility of grant for phragmites control.
 - Town of Mansfield will create an Emergency Action Plan for Schoolhouse Brook Park
- Upcoming Events
 - CT Trails Day: PAC (Tom and Sue Harrington) Will lead walk to 50 foot on June 7.
 - Celebrate Mansfield: Will be held September 20
 - Walktober: Dunhamtown walk will be October 20.
 - Fall programming: Veggies and Vistas walk October 23 at 1 PM

V. New Business

- Recreational Trails Grant-Bicentennial Pond Universal Access Trail: Thorne moved to resubmit grant application for Universal Access Trail to Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. Harrington 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Future Agendas

- Storrs Center Open Space: General Agreement that "Whetten Woods Extension" was an appropriate name for the open space area in Storrs center.
- Management Plans- Members agreed to present revised management plan drafts at the next meeting.
 - Eric- Schoolhouse Brook Park
 - Bill- Mount Hope Park
 - Tom-Coney Rock
 - Juliana- Merrow Meadow

VII. Announcements

- Eagleville Lake Aquatic Invasives Public Forum June 10th , 7pm at the Eagleville Fire House
- Summer Meeting Schedule: next meeting is first Wednesday in September

VIII. Adjourn: 8:45 PM